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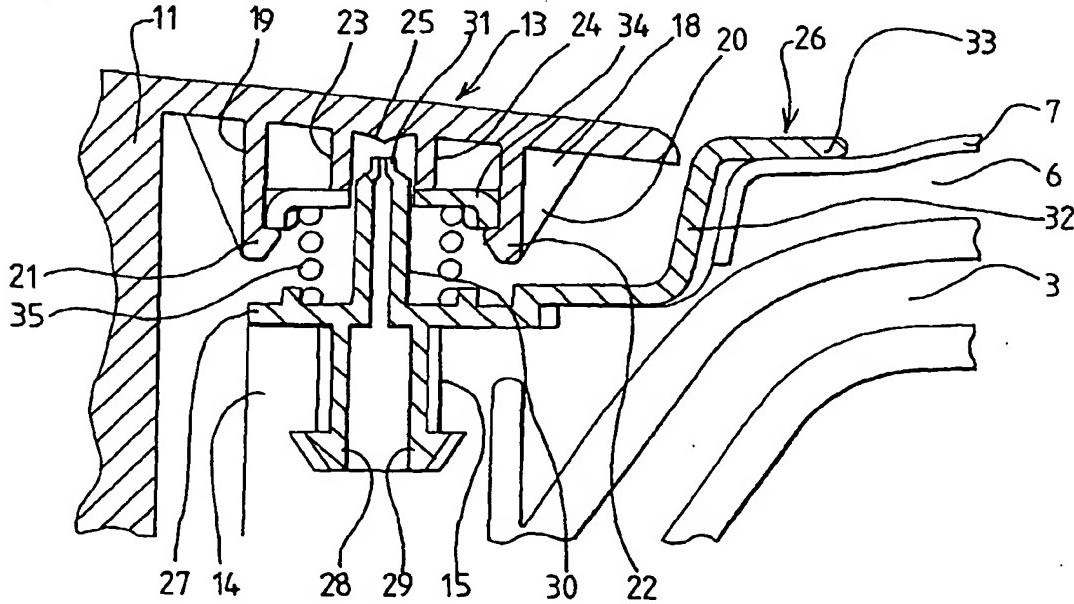
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(57) Abstract: A steering wheel is disclosed, the steering wheel comprising a frame as radially outwardly-extending spokes (3, 4) and a rim (5). The frame defines a recess to receive an air-bag unit (9). The steering wheel is provided with a number of mounting elements (26) associated with a respective spoke (3, 4). Each mounting element (26) is connected to the steering wheel and has a portion (33) overlying part of the steering wheel. The air-bag unit (9) is connected to each mounting element (26) by means of a resiliently-biased connection to permit relative movement of the air-bag unit (9) with respect to the steering wheel, such that the peripheral part of the air-bag unit (9) defines a pre-determined gap between itself and the overlying portion (33) of the mounting element (26).



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